

HB 1902 -- Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board

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This bill establishes the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Advisory Board within the Division of Purchasing of the Office of Administration to provide oversight to the division regarding procurement policies with qualifying vendors that includes a person with a disability or a business that employs disabled individuals that perform at least 75% of the direct labor to fulfill a procurement contract. The division must:

- (1) Facilitate the procurement of up to \$25 million of goods and services from qualifying vendors unless increased by the board;
- (2) Develop and maintain a list of goods and services that are available from qualifying vendors and are suitable for procurement by state agencies. The list must be provided to all state agency purchasing officers and all products offered by a qualifying vendor must have significant value added by blind or significantly disabled persons;
- (3) Approve pricing for goods and services;
- (4) Review bids received by qualifying vendors; and
- (5) Award and renew contracts for the purchase of goods and services without a competitive bidding process.

The Office of Administration must:

- (1) Determine the fair market price for all products and services offered by a qualifying vendor that at least covers the costs of raw materials, labor, overhead and delivery;
- (2) Determine the mandatory use of products and services for all state agencies; and
- (3) Assess the suitability of adding to the procurement list by considering the interest of small and disadvantaged-owned businesses by determining if the addition would have a severe adverse impact on a current commodity or service contractor.

The Office of Administration is authorized to collect up to 1% of the gross value of a qualifying vendor contract to cover administration costs.

Any political subdivision of the state with its own purchasing agency that receives state appropriated funding must purchase

goods and services from a qualifying vendor on the preferred procurement contract list if the goods and services offered by the qualifying vendor conform to the needs and specifications of the purchasing agency, can be supplied in a reasonable time, and are competitively priced.